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### **A Radio That Can Keep You Safe**

Pictured from left, Jibril Hirsi and Adam O'Hirsi of Somali Community Access Network and Salieman Mohamed of the Somali Community Association of Ohio (SCAO) display a weather alert radio presented to SCAO by Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS). The device broadcasts round-the-clock weather reports from the National Weather Service and alerts listeners if there is a dangerous storm or other emergency threatening the area. FCEM&HS also presented Somali-language emergency preparedness wall posters to SCAO during a Sept. 29 community meeting with Somali residents. The agency plans to make similar presentations to other Somali community centers in Franklin County.

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